

Cameraman's Report

Cameraman: PAUL WYAND Sound man: MARTIN GRAY

Date and Location: 23rd and 24th April, 1945, Belsen, Germany

Assignment: SOUND SHOTS FOR M.O.I. SPECIAL ON BELSEN.

Footage: 2,000 ft. Light conditions: Varied. Sound: O.K.

Scenes:

- (1) KADZIOLKA STANISAW POLISH R.C. PRIEST AND PRISONER IN CAMP.
- (2) UNLOADING BODIES INTO GRAVE (TO CUT IN WITH SHOTS 4 and 5).
- (3) REV. T. J. STRETCH OF FISHGUARD PARISH HOLY TRINITY, ABERYSTWIT
BRITISH PROTESTANT PADRE IN CAMP.
- (4) S.S. OBERLIEUT. FRANZ HOSLER.
- (5) S.S. UNTERSCHAFTFUHRER WILHELM DORR.
- (6) LOADING BODIES INTO TRUCK (TO CUT IN WITH SHOTS 7 and 8).
- (7) S.S. OBERSCH FUHRER FRIEDRICH HERZOG.
- (8) S.S. UNTER FUHRER ARNOLD WILMSCHEN.
- (9) S.S. WOMAN HERTA BOTHE.
- (10) WALKING SHOT OF HERTA BOTHE (TO CUT IN WITH SHOT 9).
- (11) GENERAL VIEW WEILST LOCAL BURGMASTERS VIEW THE SCENE. THEY WERE
ORDERED TO SEE THE CAMP. THE CAMERA PASSES FROM THE MASSES GRAVE
TO A LINE OF P.O.W's LINING THE GRAVE, ON TO THE BURGMASTERS, TO
S.S. WOMEN, THE PA VAN IN THE BACKGROUND, ON TO S.S. MEN.
- (12) CLOSE UPS OF S.S. WOMEN AND MEN, ALSO THE BURGMASTERS:
l to r:-
TEOBOR WILKENS (LONG COAT) STADT BAU MEISTER CELLE
EDZARDS MULLER (LONG BLACK COAT GREY HAT AND GLOVES) HERO CELLE
✓ EBERHARD HAGEMANN (BEARD) CHIEF MAJOR OF THE LAND
✓ MAX VOGEL (BEHIND HAGEMANN) STADT RAT
✓ WILHELM ROTERMUND (GLASSES), KRIG'S OBERINSPEKTOR
✓ OTTO BECKER KRIG'S RENT MEISTER CELLE.
- (13) UNLOADING BODIES WITNESSED BY BURGMASTERS.
- (14) INMATES OF CAMP JEER AT GERMANS.
- (15) READING PART OF COMMANDANT'S SPEECH. FULL SPEECH SCRIPT ATTACHED
FOR COMMENTARY.
- (16) S.S. DOCTOR FRITZ KLEIN CAMP DOCTOR, USED TO INJECT PRISONERS WITH
PETROL TO SEE THEM DIE IN AGONY, WALK INTO A HUT AND SHOOT HIS
PISTOL AT RANDOM FOR FUN!!! NOW IN THE S.S. BODY PARTY.
- (17) BELLA GOLDSTEIN POLISH JEW, 4 YEARS IN GHETTO AT LITEMANSTADT
BEFORE ARRIVING HERE, TELLS STORY OF CAMP CONDITIONS IN GERMAN.
- (18) LIEUT. COL. W. H. MATHER, O.B.E., T.D. 113 L.A.A. REGT., R.A.
- (19) GUNNER T.M. TILMOUTH OF ALDERINGHAM

(20) MAJOR P. J. FOX, R.A.M.C., CAMP DOCTOR.

(21) ADA BIMKO POLISH JEW, CHIEF DOCTOR OF CAMP WHILST IN GERMAN HANDS, TELLS OF TERRIBLE CONDITIONS IN GERMAN. 32 YEARS OLD OF SOSNOWIEC.

ALL SHOTS TAKEN AS REQUESTED. UNABLE TO DO GERMAN FIREMEN, THEY HAD GONE: OR THE BRITISH CAMP COMMANDANTS - THEY REFUSED ON GROUNDS OF SECURITY.

ALL SILENT SHOTS BY THE A.F.F.U. HAVE DONE EXTRA SHOTS TO MAKE UP FOR THEM.

SCRIPT OF COMMANDANT'S SPEECH.

As you go round this Camp you must bear in mind two things. One is that we, the British, have been here now for ten days. We have removed, we have all the dead from the huts. We have buried some thousands of bodies. We have the survivors. We have given them hope. You will not, therefore, see the conditions one half as bad as they were while this Camp was in German hands. second point is that this Camp was reckoned by such miserable victims as have experienced others of the same nature, as being one of the better ones. The point being that here you were invariably, not always, allowed to die quietly starvation or typhus. In other camps you were tortured and hurried into your communal grave, perhaps before you were dead. And there are people of every country, religion and race in Europe, many of whose only crime was patriotism.

What you will see provides a final condemnation of the NSDAP. It contains a complete justification of any measures the Allied Nations may take extirpate this Party. It constitutes such a blot on the name of the German people as to erase it from the list of civilized nations.

You, representing the fathers (and mothers) of German youth, see before you a few of your sons and daughters, who bear a small part of the direct responsibility for these crimes. A small part, but heavier than the human back can bear. But who bears the whole of the responsibility? YOU. You who allowed this bombastic maniac, your Fuhrer, to do these things. You, who rejoiced in his meretricious triumphs. You who heard of these camps, got at least a vague idea of what was going on. You who did not rise spontaneously to clear the German name without regard to personal consequences. During the month of March, 17000 men, women and children died of German brutality on your very doorsteps. You stand condemned by what you are about to see. You must expect to pay by toil and tribulation for what you have brought up your children to be capable of doing, and what you have failed to prevent. Whatever you suffer will not be one-hundredth of the sufferings of the miserable human beings confined in this and other concentration camps.

With you lies the beginning of the heavy task of re-writing the name of Germany on the roll of civilized nations. This cannot be done till you have raised a generation which is incapable of finding enough depraved persons to commit these crimes and possesses the instinctive goodwill to prevent the recurrence of anything of the sort.

The party will now proceed.

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